

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

The FCC is an agency which should work FOR all American citizens, not a rubber stamp for corporations. I filed two complaints against Earthlink earlier this year. To my knowledge, nothing was done regarding their outrageous disregard of their customers' rights. Protection against blatant disregard of customers' rights and the LAW is your organizations MANDATE. Please do your job.

Thank you.